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KOLKATA METRO RAIL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have undertaken the extension of Kolkata Metro Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether numbers of trains that are plying over this system has come to such a condition that an urgent replacement/ procurement of new trains is required;

(d) if so, whether the Railways have chalked out any plan for the same; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Railway have undertaken the extension from Tollygunge to Garia (8.5 kms.) as a material modification to the Dum Dum − Tollygunge Project and revised estimate amounting to Rs. 1032 crores was sanctioned in Oct.'2007. One-third cost of the project is being shared by West Bengal Government. It is proposed to start limited services on this extended section during the current year.

(c) to (e) The Kolkata Metro runs services with rakes comprising 8 coaches each. The trains rakes are being maintained in a satisfactory manner and are fit for providing safe and comfortable services. The present holding is of 18 rakes of which 14 Nos. are utilized during peak hours and the rest are on standby / maintenance.However, on age-cum-condition basis various replacement/ procurement actions for new rakes have been initiated.Additional rakes are also being procured for services on extended section as also for augmented services. Details of such proposed procurement are:

(i) As a part of Tollygunge-Garia extension 7 additional rakes are being procured for catering to the extended length of section.

(ii) Through Ministry of Railway's Rolling Stock Programme item No. 484, 6 Nos. additional rakes are being procured out of which 4 Nos. are for anticipated augmented frequency and 2 Nos. are against replacement as a part of normal age-cum-condition basis replacement.

(iii) Further, through Ministry of Railway's Rolling Stock Programme item No. 885, 8 rakes are being procured of which 6 are for proposed augmented frequency and 2 Nos. are against replacement. The above rakes are being procured through ICF.